

# HOUSE BILL 247

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Plumbing Code – Adoption of International Code Council Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to adopt standards of the  
4 International Code Council as part of the State Plumbing Code; requiring the  
5 Board to periodically review certain standards of the International Code  
6 Council; requiring the Board to amend the State Plumbing Code to incorporate  
7 certain standards of the International Code Council for a water conserving  
8 appliance, device, fitting, or fixture under certain circumstances; authorizing  
9 the Board to allow the installation of a water conserving appliance, device,  
10 fitting, or fixture that meets certain standards of the International Code  
11 Council under certain circumstances; and generally relating to incorporating  
12 International Code Council standards into the State Plumbing Code.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
15 Section 12–205  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

2 12–205.

3 (a) The Board may adopt regulations to amend the State Plumbing Code.

4 (b) (1) The Board may adopt, as part of the State Plumbing Code,  
5 regulations to carry out the purposes of and to enforce §§ 12–605 and 12–606 of this  
6 title.7 (2) The Board may adopt standards of the American National  
8 Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other]  
9 nationally recognized organization.10 (3) The Board shall adopt, as part of the State Plumbing Code,  
11 regulations to carry out the purposes of and to enforce §§ 12–605.1 and 12–605.2 of  
12 this title.

13 (c) (1) At least once a year, the Board shall review:

14 (i) new and existing standards of the American National  
15 Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, and any [other]  
16 organization listed in the State Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building  
17 Code for water conserving appliances, devices, fittings, and fixtures; and18 (ii) the availability and cost of water conserving appliances,  
19 devices, fittings, and fixtures that conform to the standards.20 (2) If the Board finds that a water conserving appliance, device,  
21 fitting, or fixture that conforms to the standards of the American National Standards  
22 Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other] organization listed  
23 in the State Plumbing Code or the Model Performance Building Code is readily  
24 available at reasonable cost, the Board shall amend the State Plumbing Code to:25 (i) incorporate the standards for and require use of the water  
26 conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture; and27 (ii) require the use of a water supply system and a drainage and  
28 venting system that are designed based on the hydraulic requirements of the required  
29 water conserving appliances, devices, fittings, and fixtures.30 (3) Notwithstanding the availability and cost of the appliance, device,  
31 fitting, or fixture, the Board may allow, under the State Plumbing Code, the  
32 installation of a water conserving appliance, device, fitting, or fixture that meets the  
33 standards of the American National Standards Institute, **THE INTERNATIONAL**  
34 **CODE COUNCIL**, or any [other] organization listed in the State Plumbing Code or the  
35 Model Performance Building Code, subject to the use of a water supply system and a

1 venting and drainage system design based on the hydraulic requirements of the  
2 appliance, device, fitting, or fixture.

3 (4) On or before July 1 of each year and subject to § 2-1246 of the  
4 State Government Article, the Board shall submit to the General Assembly a written  
5 report on the implementation of this subsection, including the results of the review  
6 conducted under this subsection.

7 (d) The Board shall:

8 (1) periodically publish an updated version of the State Plumbing  
9 Code; and

10 (2) make available on request of any person a copy of the State  
11 Plumbing Code for a reasonable fee.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.